

The KITE Research Institute-Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and Fourier Intelligence announces Global Partnership

KITE Research Institute - Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and Fourier Intelligence to develop Rehabilitation Robotics Centre, based on the RehabHub™ Concept

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Virtual MOU signing event between KITE and Fourier Intelligence (FI). From top left: Mr Zen Koh (Co-Founder, Group Deputy CEO), Dr Milos Popovic (Director of the KITE Research Institute), Prof. Denny Oetomo (Co-Director University of Melbourne & Fourier

Intelligence have entered a global partnership to jointly develop a new world-class <u>Rehabilitation</u> <u>Robotics</u> Centre, based on Fourier's next-gen RehabHub™ Concept, to further promote rehabilitation technology research and education.

Canada and Singapore – December 18, 2020 – The KITE Research Institute at the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute - University Health Network and Fourier Intelligence have formed an important global partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The two parties are pleased to announce they have entered a global partnership to expand KITE's robotics research and education capabilities including establishment of a new world-class Rehab Robotics Centre with Fourier's next-gen RehabHub™ and support from its network of researchers. A virtual signing event took place on Dec. 16.

The research at UHN will be conducted by KITE, the No. 1 ranked Rehab Research Facility in the world, and one of the principal research enterprises at Canada's top research hospital network, UHN.

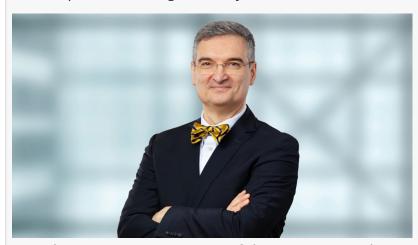
The announcement of this partnership is timely, given the impact of the COVID-19 crisis and society's changing attitudes on the adoption of homebased rehabilitation technologies and telerehabilitation. The KITE-Fourier partnership brings together clinicians, researchers, and engineers in technology development to further propel the field of rehabilitation robotics/technologies and help support users through successful healthcare technology integrations.

The MOU was co-signed by Dr Milos R. Popovic, Director of the KITE Research Institute, a pioneer in the field of bioengineering and assistive technologies and Zen Koh, Fourier Intelligence's Co-Founder, Group Deputy CEO

"Zen and I have been acquainted for many years, and it is great to finally come together in a collaboration to realize what we have both been



Fourier's next generation RehabHub™ Robotics and central patient management system.



Dr Milos R. Popovic, Director of the KITE Research Institute.

discussing for the past few years," said Popovic, who is also a professor with the Institute of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Toronto. "Fourier is a great partner and this agreement will help us achieve KITE's vision of developing a new world-class Rehab Robotics

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Zen Koh

Centre. We are currently in the process of raising \$12 million to get this Rehab Robotics Centre up and running."

"We are excited about this partnership. KITE, under the leadership of Milos, is considered one of the top global research facilities in the field of rehabilitation," said Zen Koh, Fourier Intelligence's Co-Founder, Group Deputy CEO. "Working together, we can consolidate our resources and jointly design and develop next-generation technologies for our clinicians and patients."

The MOU coverage focuses on the field of, among others, robotics rehabilitation research, the formation of a joint lab with Fourier Intelligence's multitude of institutional research labs and a regional education centre. Professor Denny Oetomo, who is leading the University of Melbourne & Fourier Intelligence Robotics Lab, was also present during the virtual signing ceremony. "We are thrilled to be able to work with KITE as they have well-integrated engineering and clinical testing," added Oetomo.

To further strengthen the partnership, KITE will also join Fourier's Global Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Network (GReAT) Network, to optimize resource sharing and promote translational research of rehabilitation technology into clinical practice.

About University Health Network
Toronto Rehabilitation Institute
Toronto Rehabilitation Institute is the
largest rehabilitation hospital in
Canada, and a member of the
University Health Network. The
research arm of the Toronto



Mr Zen Koh, Co-Founder, Group Deputy CEO, Fourier Intelligence.



Fourier Intelligence's RehabHub™

Rehabilitation Institute, KITE, is a world leader in complex rehabilitation science and is dedicated to improving the lives of people living with the effects of disability, illness, and ageing. KITE is one of the principal research enterprises at the University Health Network (UHN), Canada's top research hospital with more than \$350-million in total annual research expenditures.

About Fourier Intelligence

Fourier Intelligence is a technology-driven company, infusing creativity into the development of exoskeleton and rehabilitation robotics since 2015. Together with researchers, therapists, and patients, Fourier Intelligence aims to excel in developing and redefining rehabilitation robotics solutions with inter-connectable intelligent robotics technology by elevating user experience with an intuitive, easy-to-use system to enhance the lives of both patients and therapists.

About Global Rehabilitation & Assistive Technology (GReAT) Network

GReAT Network is a network of clinical researchers formed under the coordination of Fourier Intelligence. The objective of the network is to optimise resource sharing in neurorehabilitation research, to advance known-best-care by optimising existing technologies in neurorehabilitation, as well as promoting innovative discoveries to be translated into clinical practice with due efficiency and circumspection.

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